

DOTHILL NEWS



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Dazzling Dotties **Weekly Update** **Attendance** **Reminders** **Mental Health** **SEND** **EYFS** **Internet Safety** **Important Dates**

This Week's Dazzling Dotties!



We had a lovely last whole school assembly of the school year today.

We had some certificates for whole classes, as their teachers simply could not choose; some for reasons such as working hard, always being kind and helpful and much more.

We also said goodbye to Mrs Melville, Miss Poole and Mr Furey, who are all sadly leaving Dothill for pastures new, and to Miss Lamb, leaving for a while to have her baby. We will miss all of you so much.

News and Highlights this Week

Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

This was a truly wonderful celebration of our fabulous cohort's time in school. From funny sketches about the teachers they have had, to showing off their wonderful range of talents, to heart-tugging solos and celebrating the wonderful team they truly have become, it was a real treat to watch!

Moving on is hard, but endings are so important, and this was truly a great ending of their successful primary education.

We also want to congratulate them all for their hard work in this year's SATs – results arrived yesterday, and every child can be truly proud of their achievements.

We wish them all every success as they move to secondary school where we know that they will continue the Dothill way: **Be Your Best!**

This week's **Family Picnic** was a wonderful event, and we thank so many of you for coming.



Year 5 & 6 (current Y4 & 5) – Permission to walk home

Please make sure that you log into your ParentPay account and read the message about consent for Y5 and Y6 children to walk home in September. Without this consent, your child will not be allowed to walk home and will need to be collected by an adult from their classroom door. If you gave consent last year, you will still need to give consent again for the new academic year.

Uniform for our 'Shop'

If you have older children – Year 5 and 6 - who may have grown out of their uniform, we would be very grateful for good quality jumpers, fleeces and t-shirts in September. Many thanks!

Final Message

I would like to thank you for your unwavering support throughout the year. Children thrive when school and home work together in partnership, and we are incredibly proud of all they have achieved. The progress made across the school this year is a testament to their hard work, dedication, and the continued support of our families.

I wish you all a wonderful summer holiday and we look forward to welcoming you back to school on Wednesday 2nd September 2026. All my best, Mrs Thomas 😊

Attendance

Attendance Celebration – Thank You for Your Support!

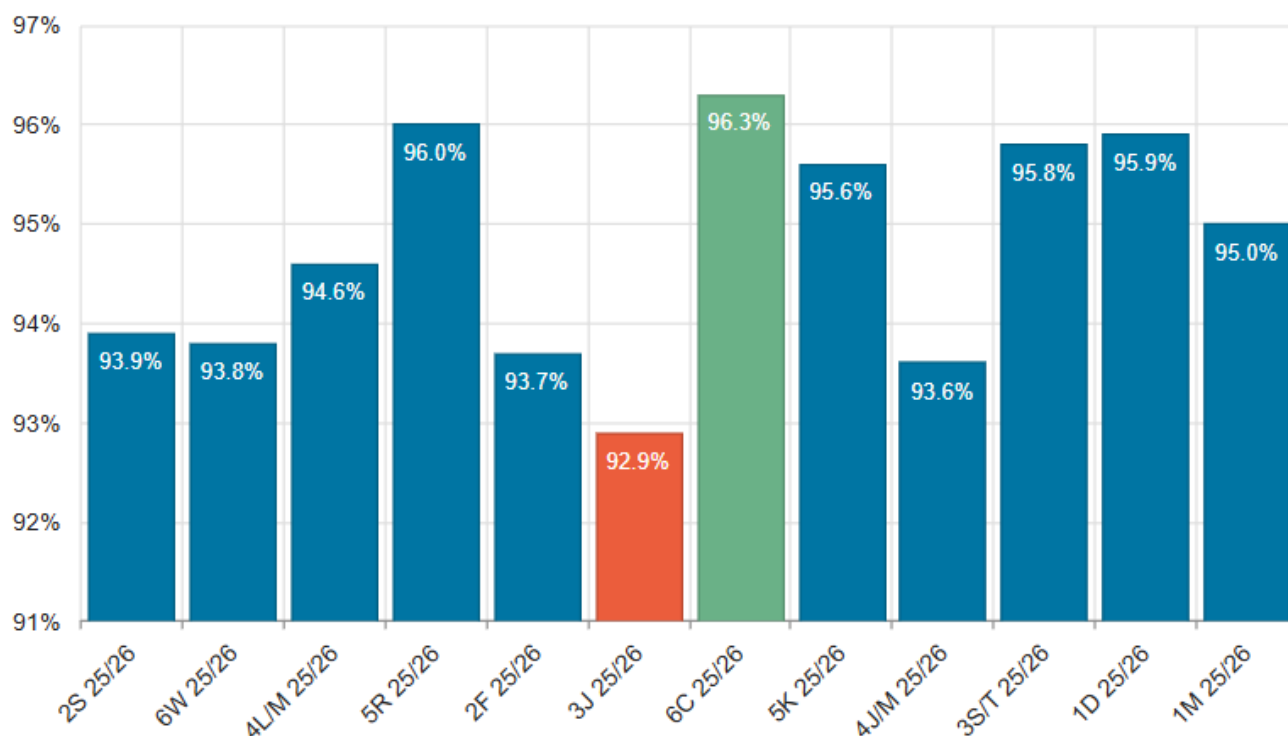
As we come to the end of another successful school year, we would like to take a moment to celebrate the fantastic commitment to attendance shown by our pupils and families.

This year, our **whole school attendance achieved an impressive 94.8%**. Every day in school matters, and this achievement reflects the dedication of our families in ensuring children are in school, on time and ready to learn.

A special congratulations goes to **Class 6C**, who achieved the highest attendance this year with an outstanding **96.3%**! We would also like to celebrate **5R (96.0%)**, **1D (95.9%)**, and **3ST (95.8%)**, all of whom maintained excellent attendance throughout the year.

Nationally, primary school attendance remains below pre-pandemic levels, making this achievement even more significant. By working together, we have helped ensure that our children have benefited from as much learning, social interaction and enrichment as possible.

Attendance for this academic year 😊



Thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support. Good attendance helps children build friendships, develop confidence, make strong academic progress and enjoy all that school has to offer.

As we look ahead to the new academic year, let's continue to make every day count. We are incredibly proud of our pupils' resilience, commitment and enthusiasm for learning, and we look forward to building on this success together.

Have a wonderful summer break and congratulations to everyone for helping us achieve a fantastic attendance figure of 94.8%!

Mental Health and Wellbeing

Supporting Mental Health and Wellbeing Over the Summer

At Dothill Primary School, we believe that children learn best when they feel happy, safe and supported. Looking after our mental health and wellbeing is just as important as looking after our physical health, and the summer holidays provide a wonderful opportunity for children to rest, recharge and enjoy time with family and friends.

The six-week break can be exciting, but changes to routine can sometimes feel challenging for children. Keeping a balance of fun activities, relaxation and family time can help children maintain a positive mindset and return to school feeling refreshed and ready for a new year of learning.

Top Tips for a Happy and Healthy Summer

🌻 **Get outdoors every day** Fresh air, exercise and time in nature can boost mood and reduce stress.

📖 **Keep reading for pleasure** Sharing books, visiting the library or enjoying bedtime stories can help children relax and spark their imagination.

 **Be creative** Drawing, painting, crafting, baking or building can be great ways to express feelings and enjoy quality family time.

 **Stay connected** Spending time with family, friends and trusted adults helps children feel supported and valued.

 **Maintain healthy routines** Try to keep regular sleep times, healthy meals and some structure to the day.

 **Talk about feelings** Encourage children to share how they are feeling and remind them that all feelings are okay.

 **Balance screen time** Make time for technology, but also for physical activity, hobbies and family experiences.

If You Need Support

Although school is closed for the summer, support is available if you or your child need someone to talk to.

BeeU Mental Health Support (Telford & Wrekin)

Provides emotional wellbeing and mental health support for children and young people.

 0300 124 0093

 <https://camhs.mpft.nhs.uk/beeU>

Healthier Together Telford & Wrekin

Advice and guidance for families on emotional health and wellbeing.

 <https://www.healthiertogether.nhs.uk>

Childline (for children and young people)

Free, confidential support 24 hours a day.

 0800 1111

 <https://www.childline.org.uk>

Shout

A free, confidential 24/7 text messaging support service.

 Text **SHOUT** to **85258**

 <https://giveusashout.org>

As we finish another fantastic year, we would like to thank all of our families for their support. We hope everyone enjoys a safe, relaxing and happy summer filled with special memories. Remember, looking after your wellbeing is one of the best things you can do for yourself and those around you.

Have a wonderful summer break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in September!

Thank you Mrs Harvey  

Reception

Reception End of Year Message

As we come to the end of a wonderful year in Reception, we would like to say how incredibly proud we are of all the children and everything they have achieved. They have grown in confidence, independence and resilience, embracing new challenges and developing a love of learning along the way. From making new friendships and learning routines, to becoming enthusiastic readers, writers, mathematicians and explorers, the progress they have made has been amazing to see.

We would like to thank all our families for their support throughout the year. Working together has helped to make this such a happy and successful year for the children. We know they are more than ready for the exciting opportunities that Year 1 will bring, and we wish them every success as they continue their learning journey.

We hope you all have a wonderful, restful summer and enjoy making lots of special family memories.



SEND

PODS Holiday Club

The volunteers at PODS (Parents Opening Doors) are offering 4-hour respite sessions for families during the holidays. Each session includes lunch and a range of fun activities. To find out more about this, contact elaine@podstelford.org (strict criteria apply). Please see the poster below for more details.

Internet Safety

As we approach the summer holidays, children will have lots more free time to use their online devices.

This can lead to children being exposed to online dangers. To support parents and carers with this, here is link to a series of webinars that have been created by [Childnet](#) and supported by the [Safeguarding Board for Northern Ireland](#). These webinars give parents and carers real-world support to help recognise and respond to online harms. The six webinars are 15-20 minutes and include practical tips, conversations starters, explanations of terminology and signpost additional support for a variety of topics.

[Online Safety Mini Webinars for Parents and Carers - Safeguarding Board for Northern Ireland](#)

You can also get further support to help you to better protect your child online at the CEOP website. Here, you can get information on reporting an incident, if you're concerned about your child or how to keep them safe online.

[Parents and carers | CEOP Education](#)

This week's online safety guide focuses on sharing kindness. It includes suggestions like reaching out, thinking before commenting and recommending fun things. Again, this is a useful reminder for children about their online behaviour.

[Free Online Safety Guide | Share Kindness Online](#)

Dates for your diary

Summer Term 2026

End of Term (Summer Holidays)	17.7.26
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New dates for Autumn 2026

Autumn Term Begins	2.9.26
Year 6 Parent Meet the Teacher 3:15pm	7.9.26
Year 5 Parent Meet the Teacher 3:15pm	8.9.26
Year 4 Parent Meet the Teacher 3:15pm	9.9.26
Year 1/2 Parent Meet the Teacher 3:15pm	10.9.26
Year 3 Parent Meet the Teacher 3:15pm	11.9.26



**Ready
Respectful
Safe
BE YOUR BEST**

Other Notices

Please see the posters below regarding Online Safety and an event at Attingham Park.

In addition, there is communication from west Mercia Police including a webinar being held on 28th July.

10 Ways You Can SHARE KINDNESS ONLINE

Last year, around one in five young people aged 10-15 in England and Wales admitted experiencing online bullying: most commonly being insulted or sworn at, or having hurtful messages sent about them. To someone who's being bullied, the world can seem like a bleak, negative place – but just one kind word can be a ray of hope: a turning point that brightens their day and refreshes their perspective. That's why 'One Kind Word' is the theme of Anti-Bullying Week 2021. We're supporting this year's event by bringing you ten top tips for beating online bullying by replacing it with kindness.

1 PRAISE WHERE IT'S DUE

Sometimes a friend or relative might post online about something they're proud to have achieved: maybe an exam they've passed, a new skill they've learned or a task they've completed. Celebrate their hard work and determination by being kind enough to praise them for it publicly.

2 REACH OUT

It's not always easy to tell what kind of mood someone is in just from what they post online. Simply dropping somebody a message to say 'hi', to ask if they're OK or to tell them that you're thinking of them could totally make their day.

3 RECOMMEND FUN THINGS

If there's something you enjoy doing online – perhaps you play a particular game, or you've found a really cool site – share it with someone you think will enjoy it. Even recommending a film or TV show you think they'll like can bring a little happiness to someone who really needs it.

4 OFFER TO HELP

Sometimes you might see a friend or family member posting a question online or asking for help with something they can't do themselves. Don't just ignore it – if you can help, get in touch. Something that's difficult for them might be no trouble for you!

5 POST POSITIVELY

Lots of people seem to go online purely to complain about things or be negative. Just because you're communicating online (and not face to face) doesn't mean you can't be positive, though! Post about things that make you happy and that you're thankful for: it could brighten someone else's day.

6 SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION

If somebody that you know has done something positive or shown kindness themselves, go online and thank them with a message or a post. Expressing your gratitude costs nothing and showing someone that you appreciate them will really make them feel good.

7 BE UNDERSTANDING

Showing empathy towards others is an act of online kindness which often gets overlooked. If you notice that someone you know is upset, drop them a message. Sometimes people just need someone else to listen to them and understand their situation.

8 SHARE INSPIRATIONAL POSTS

When you see something online that inspires you or makes you feel happy, share it with people you know. A spot-on quotation, a beautiful photo or an uplifting video can lift someone's spirits and help them to feel better about life.

9 THINK BEFORE COMMENTING

Thinking before we act can be just as important as acting in the first place. Taking a second to consider what you're saying in advance could stop you from posting something negative, hurtful or offensive – even if you don't mean to. It's better to post positively or not post at all.

10 LIKE, LOVE AND ENGAGE

If somebody posts something that you like on social media, don't just scroll past – take the time to like it, love it or leave an appreciative comment! Reacting positively to other people's posts might seem like a small gesture but could mean a lot to them.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with more than 10 years of experience in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid *The Inquirer*, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.



Family Orienteering at Attingham Park

Come and run, walk, skip or dance round the courses with a map.

Courses varying in length from 300-2000m.

Designed for children, families and beginners.

Develop your navigation skills



10am-2pm

Wednesday 22nd July

Wednesday 5th August

Wednesday 26th August

Start/Finish in Attingham Park Field of Play.

No charge for Orienteering, normal Attingham entrance charges apply

Scan here for more information



CYBER CHOICES

KNOW THEIR DIGITAL WORLD

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CYBER
CRIME
UNIT

Education and awareness is key to our intervention work. There is no age limit to who we support.

WHO ARE WE?

The Cyber Prevent Team delivers the national Cyber Choices Programme, helping young people make safe, responsible, and legal choices online. Through education on cyber law, including the Computer Misuse Act, we support informed decision-making and raise awareness of the consequences of cyber crime.

We also encourage positive cyber opportunities by promoting skills development, training, and future education and career pathways, helping to prevent young people from being involved in cyber criminality.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Sign up to our webinar
on the 28th July 2026

Visit our website



OR



WHAT DO WE DO?

This programme is aimed at individuals who are at risk of, or on the cusp of, committing cyber-dependent crimes.

Cyber dependant crimes are offences that can only be committed with technology:

- Hacking
- Cheating/Modding online games
- Breaking IT rules
- DDoS or DoS - tools to impair systems and services
- Unauthorised access to computers, phones, networks, and devices

THE COM

ANYONE CAN JOIN THE CHAT...

WHAT IT IS

Community 'Com' Networks are online groups involved in child sexual abuse, cybercrime and offline violence. However, not all cases involve all three.

The **majority of those involved are children** under the age of 18.

Perpetrators may target children who are discussing topics online such as mental health disorders, neurodiversity or self-harm but they are active on virtually all social media and online gaming platforms. Discord and Telegram are particularly popular.

The communities share extreme material which may include:

- Child sexual abuse
- Violence and gore
- Animal abuse or torture
- Misogynistic and 'incel' beliefs
- Extreme/violent pornography
- Racist and occultist materials
- Hacking tools and exploits

HOW TO GET SUPPORT

Any concerns should be reported to one of the following for **safeguarding and diversion support**; reference "Operation Driftglen":

- Local police forces call '101' (non-emergency)
- School safeguarding lead (DSL)
- Local social services
- Crimestoppers 0800 555 111 (anonymous)
- **Cyber Prevent/NCA/NCSC** and or **CT Prevent**

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INDICATIONS OF CONCERN

The following behaviours are indicators that a young person **may be involved in** an abusive relationship with a Com group:

- Self-harm (cutting letters/symbols is of particular note)
- Numbers, letters, symbols written in blood on walls
- Interest in extreme themes
- Disengaging in education
- Obsession with new online friends
- Unexplained injuries to pets or siblings
- Unexplained money or gifts



Bytesize News

A bright young teenager who had a keen and developing interest in IT, but was unaware of how to keep themselves safe online, was successfully encouraged to explore new opportunities in Computer Science.



Teachers at a secondary school were becoming increasingly concerned about a pupil who said they could hack into the school network. The student required close supervision when using laptops, yet despite this, they still attempted to download alternative browsers.

When asked if they knew that their actions could install viruses or malware, they revealed they practiced their technical skills at home on their own computer, Raspberry Pi and mobile phone, before trying them at school.

To support and guide the student, the Cyber Choices Prevent team met with them and began discussing multiple topics, such as online safety and the Computer Misuse Act.

The student engaged well with the Cyber Choices Prevent Team. They proceeded to meet a further two times to talk about the ethical use of technology, and the student completed online packages to reinforce their learning.

Due to the student's passion for IT, the Cyber Choices Team introduced them to websites and courses to develop their skills in ethical hacking. As a result, the student wishes to undertake a GCSE in Computer Science.

The school are pleased the risk and threat of illegal cyber activity by the student has been reduced, and the student has a promising future with new studies.

More info: <https://www.wmcyber.org/prevent/>
For referrals: cyberchoices@westmidlands.police.uk



PODS SUMMER HOLIDAY RESPITE

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HOLIDAY CLUB

5 - 16 YEARS

Thanks to a collaboration between PODS, Stars Children's Care and Telford & Wrekin HHAH we are delighted to be running a pilot respite school holiday scheme. Families will be able to drop off their children for a 4 hour session which includes lunch and fun activities. £5 per child, strict criteria and eligibility apply.



Tuesday 21st July
Thursday 30th July
Tuesday 4th August
Tuesday 11th August
Thursday 20th August
Thursday 27th August



To request a place email elaine@podstelford.org